

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

### **The Office Action**

Claims 33-35 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tabata et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 4,418,265).

Claims 36-38 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tabata et al. as applied to claims 33-35 and further in view of the British Document No. 1310361.

Claims 39-40 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Blankenship (U.S. Pat. No. 5,349,157) taken with Tabata.

Claim 41 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Blankenship (U.S. Pat. No. 5,349,157) taken with Tabata as applied above and further in view of the British Document No. 1310361.

Claims 42-44 were objected to for depending from rejected claims, but would be given favorable consideration if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 1-32 are allowable.

### **Status of the Claims**

Claims 33-41 have been cancelled. Claims 42-44 have been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the parent claims.

## **CONCLUSION**

All formal and informal matters having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. It is believed that the claim changes clearly place the application in condition for allowance, defining over any fair teaching attributable to the references of record. Accordingly, an early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.



Respectfully submitted,

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